

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, 6, 7 and 9 to read as follows:

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5. [AMENDED] A method according to claim 4, in which the test antigen is a peptide selected from the group consisting of peptides having sequences identified as Sequence ID Nos. 1 to 7 hereinbefore specified.
6. [AMENDED] A method according to claim 1, in which a positive result is indicated by levels of antibodies at least about two standard deviations above that of control samples.
7. [AMENDED] A method according to any of the preceding claims combined with an assay an assay for antibodies to *Acinetobacter* species.
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9. [AMENDED] A diagnostic kit according to claim 8, in which the test antigen is a peptide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of Sequence ID Nos. 1 to 7 specified hereinbefore.

### REMARKS

The present amendments are made to correct grammatical errors, a duplication in the claimed sequences and to conform with 37 CFR 1.821(d). No new matter has been added.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.